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Identical letters dated 5 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 22 to 31 January 2008 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 17, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 5 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 22 to 31 January, inclusive

Air violations

On 23 January 2008 between 1515 and 1030 hours, an Israeli enemy military aircraft overflew the area of al-Naqurah.

Between 2205 and 2220 hours, two Israeli enemy military aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over 'Alma al-Sha'b, headed north until they reached the sea off al-Batrun and then departed over al-Naqurah.

Between 2226 and 2355 hours, two Israeli enemy military aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over Rumaysh, headed north until they reached Juniyah, circled between Juniyah and the South and then departed over 'Alma al-Sha'b.

On 24 January 2008 between 2000 and 2150 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft overflew the Kafr Shuba area and the occupied Shab'a farmlands.

On 25 January 2008 between 1509 and 1630, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft overflew the sea off al-Damur, circled over the sea off Beirut and then departed over the sea off al-Naqurah.

On 27 January 2008 at intervals between 1230 and 1337 hours an Israeli enemy military aircraft overflew the areas of Bint Jubayl and al-Naqurah, at various altitudes.

Between 1945 and 1947 hours, an Israeli enemy military aircraft overflew the Mirwahin area at very high altitude.

On 28 January 2008 between 1000 and 1015 hours, two Israeli enemy military aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over 'Alma al-Sha'b, reaching as far as the sea over Juniyah, then returned, heading south, and departed over 'Aytarun.

Between 1025 and 1210 hours, two Israeli enemy military aircraft violated Lebanese airspace from over al-Naqurah, reaching as far as Juniyah, circled between Juniyah and the south over land and sea and then departed over al-Naqurah.

On 31 January 2008 between 2013 and 2357 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off al-Bayadah, circled over areas of the South and Beirut between land and sea and then departed over the sea off al-Naqurah.

Sea violations

On 27 January 2008 at 2005 hours, at sea off Ras al-Naqurah in occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy gunboat shone a searchlight for 10 seconds in the direction of a Lebanese fishing boat at a distance of approximately 200 metres north of the line of buoys.

At 2250 hours, at sea off Ras al-Naqurah in occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy gunboat fired a number of shots in the direction of Lebanese territorial waters.

Field violations

On 24 January 2008 at 1010 hours, three persons in civilian clothing were seen proceeding on foot from the orchards of the Metulla settlement inside the occupied Palestinian territories in the direction of the Lebanese border near Kafr Killa, the Fatima gate. They recorded images of Lebanese territory using video cameras and then departed at 1020 hours in the direction of the said orchards.

On 28 January 2008 at 1940 hours, the Israeli enemy forces directed a searchlight from the Jabal al-Tayyarat outpost by the village of Yarun inside the occupied Palestinian territories for five seconds in the direction of Lebanese army base (LM11) in the village of Yarun.